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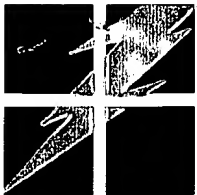
Dear Sir:

Re: Request for Continued Examination
Application Serial No. 09/465,338, filed on December 17, 1999
of Biovail Laboratories Incorporated
for CHRONOTHERAPEUTIC FORMULATIONS OF DILTIAZEM AND THE
ADMINISTRATION THEREOF
Group Art Unit: 1615 Examiner: A. Pulliam
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Please find enclosed herewith the following:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal of United States Application Serial No. 09/465,338 under 37 C.F.R. §1.114;
2. Submissions, together with enclosures;
3. Request for a three month extension of time making this response due **April 11, 2001**;
4. Check in the sum of **\$1,600.00 U.S. funds** (large entity) to cover the following fees:

Three month extension of time \$890.00 U.S. and base filing fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) \$710.00 U.S. If there should occur an overpayment or an underpayment of fees in respect of this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to access Deposit Account Number 08-3255 to make the appropriate adjustments and advise Applicant's agent;



5. Also enclosed herewith is a stamped, self-addressed verification card which we request that you kindly acknowledge and return to this office at the earliest opportunity.

We thank the Patent Office for its cooperation in this regard and look forward to receiving filing data in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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